Islamic Facts For the Christians and the Jews

In the name of Allah All and Ever Merciful:

” Say (O Muhammad SAW): "O people of the Scripture (Jews and Christians): Come to a word that is just between us and you, that we worship none but Allah, and that we associate no partners with Him, and that none of us shall take others as lords besides Allah. Then, if they turn away, say: "Bear witness that we are Muslims.""

(Meaning of the Noble Qur'an 3:64)

In the name of Allah All and Ever Merciful:

Praise be to Allah, Lord of the worlds. Peace and blessings be upon Prophet Muhammad and all the other prophets. Firstly, it is noteworthy that the questions mentioned in your letter are very similar to those posed by all followers of Christ or by those who believe in other religions save Islam. Therefore, they could not truly estimate Allah-All Mighty. They could not grasp as well the qualities of Perfection, Beauty, or Splendor attributed to His Supreme-Being as clarified in the Noble Qur'an. The Noble Qur'an is Allah's revelation that corresponds with Man's instinct. That is to say, this instinct is Muslim by nature as Allah states:" *And if anyone of the Mushrikun (polytheists, idolaters, pagans, disbelievers in the Oneness of Allah) seeks your protection then grant him protection, so that he may hear the Word of Allah (the Qur'an), and then escort him to where he can be secure, that is because they are men who know not."(*Meaning of the Noble Qur'an9:6)Thus, just listening to the Qur'an suffices to realize that it is the truth, and had it not been for vanity, all who had heard the Noble Qur'an would have believed in Islam.

The other worth mentioning aspect about your letter is that the aspects of Trinity, Crucifixion, and Redemption were mentioned as unquestionable facts which Muslims seem to profane. However, they are actually pagan myths introduced by Saul the Jew, who later called himself Paul, in order to distort the Christian creed. Similarly, as Abdullah Ibn Saba' did when he pretended that he was a Muslim to distort some Islamic beliefs. Consequently, some pagans who had recently converted to Islam, but faith has not been firmly rooted in their hearts, deified Ali Ibn Abi Taleb, just as Paul did with Jesus Christ.

We have sent you copies of *The Innocence of Christ and His Virgin Mother*. In this book, the invalidity of the beliefs of those who attribute themselves to Christ is demonstrated. Among these beliefs are: Crucifixion and Redemption, the Eucharist, samples of the perversion of *The Old and New Testaments*, and a proof that the Messiah is Muhammad (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him), and some other topics. Sent is another book that includes answers to Christian Preachers' questions in Europe. In addition to what is mentioned in these books, some notes had to be added to your questions.

The First Question: Why do not Muslims believe in *Trinitarianism*?:

This question is thoroughly answered in the book we have sent you. We would like to add meanwhile that according to Christians, the Trinity is The Father, The Son, and The Holy Ghost. If this creed is discussed with two who believe in it, one would come out with a totally new opinion. That is because, to them, it is an incomprehensible creed. They waver between saying that they are three persons, names, or qualities. They, moreover, disagree about the qualities attributed to each person. Yet, who are these persons?!

Some of the acts and attributes of the Holy Ghost will be found detailed in the story of Samson. We have selected the story of Samson because the Spirit of the Lord came upon him. It was recorded in Judges 13:3-5:" And the angel of the LORD appeared unto the woman, and said unto her, Behold now, thou art barren, and bearest not: but thou shalt conceive, and bear a son. Now therefore beware, I pray thee, and drink not wine nor strong drink, and eat not any unclean thing :For, lo, thou shalt conceive, and bear a son; and no razor shall come on his head: for the child shall be a Nazarite unto God from the womb: and he shall begin to deliver Israel out of the hand of the Philistines.", and in the same chapter 13:24-25" And the woman bare a son, and called his name Samson: and the child grew, and the LORD blessed him. And the Spirit of the LORD began to move him at times in the camp of Dan between Zorah and Eshtaol." These texts show the rank of Samson as the Lord blessed him and the Spirit of the Lord moved him. One of the incidents that took place to this Samson is that he met a young lion that roared at him. Samson rent it as if he was renting a kid because the Spirit of the Lord came mighty upon him. Afterwards, he came back to the carcass of the lion and saw some bees that produced some honey. He took the honey to eat. He told thirty Palestinians a riddle: Out of the eater came forth meat, and out of the strong came forth sweetness. If they got the answer, he should pay them thirty sheets and thirty garments and vice versa. When they failed to get the answer, they convinced his wife to know the answer out of him so as to tell them. They, then, answered: what is sweeter than honey and what is stronger than a lion? The story ends with the resolution that: "And the Spirit of the LORD came upon him, and he went down to Ashkelon, and slew thirty men of them, and took their spoil, and gave change of garments unto them which expounded the riddle.

And his anger was kindled, and he went up to his father's house." (Judges 14:19) we have mentioned these thirty men, regardless of thousands that were cold bloodedly killed by him after the Spirit of the Lord came upon him, because its protagonist is the one who was described through your Holy Book to be blessed by the Lord and that the Spirit of the Lord used to come upon him.

Only this incident makes The Holy Ghost the head of terrorism in the past. Suffice it to say that on reading some of the chapters of The Old Testament, which implied some knowledge of The Holy Ghost, one could realize, according to your Bible, how cruel this Spirit is.

As for the Second Person, The Son, he is a cursed Person. It was cursed by Paul in his message to the Galatians in The New Testament: "Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written Cursed is everyone that hangeth on a tree." (Galatians: 3:13)

In addition, some of His sayings in The New Testament such as:" Think not that I am come to send peace on earth: I come not to send peace, but a sword."(Matthew: 10:34), and "I am come to send fire on earth; and what will I, if it be already kindled"(Luke: 12:49) imply that He will cast into Hell that which He cannot grasp by sword. Yet, those who call themselves Christians blabber that LORD is Love.

A final word on The Son would be concerning his life. During his lifetime, He used to eat and drink liquor. Consequently, He would excrete food in the form of feces and liquor in the form of urine. What sort of god is he who excretes? Meanwhile, would Christians -since you believe that human and divine natures are inseparable- kneel before the Christ's image in churches if He is portrayed excreting? And if not, why would not they kneel in that case? Something that is more serious is that, for both Catholics and Orthodox, bread and wine are transformed into the flesh and blood of Christ. Then you eat it and drink it. Afterwards, you are going to excrete your god? Would it be sensible then to believe in these Persons or this concept of Trinitarianism?!

<u>The Second Question: What are the miracles of prophet Muhammad (PBUH), if he had any?</u>

Actually, the Prophet's (Peace and blessings of Allah be upon him)

biographies are full of his miracles. Among these miracles are: reviving the dead, healing the sick, giving sight to the blind, increasing food, and the springing of water between his fingers etc. However, as Muslims, we do not count on these miracles for two reasons:

1-These miracles that are attributed to Prophet Muhammad (Peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) and other prophets are evidences only for those who had seen them. Moreover, books written about saints in all religions are full with such miracles, even for those who do not believe in divine religions, such as Indians etc.

2-The Noble Qur'an*,* Allah's revelation, that billions throughout Islamic history has learnt off by heart, in addition to the scientific miracles in the Qur'an that emerge every now and then, suffice the Muslims as a consolidation to Allah's saying:" *We will show them Our Signs in the universe, and in their own selves, until it becomes manifest to them that this (the Qur'an) is the truth. Is it not sufficient in regard to your Lord that He is a Witness over all things?*"(Meaning of he Noble Qur'an 41:53)

The Third Question: Isn't The Black Stone in Mecca a symbol of Blind Sanctification?

Prior to answering this question, the following verse from the Bible shall be mentioned: "So Joshua made a convenant with the people that day, and set them a statute and an ordinance in Shechem. And Joshua wrote these words in the book of the law of God, and took a great stone, and set up there under an oak, that was by the sanctuary of the LORD. And Joshua said unto all the people, Behold, this stone shall be a wetness unto us; for it hath heard all the words of the LORD which he spake unto us: it shall be therefore a witness unto you, lest ye deny your God" (Joshua: 24:25-27) The text shows that Joshua considered the stone a cogent proof as it occurs nowadays on documenting contractions at certain places. What is said about the *Black Stone* is similar (close) to what Joshua had said about his stone. Yet, the Black Stone is more privileged than that of Joshua's, as it marks the starting and ending points of the circumambulation around the *Ka'ba*. It is well known that the *Ka'ba* is the Muslims' Qibla (prayers direction). As for circumambulation, it means that the Muslim has aimed at worshipping Allah from different edges of the globe. It is an act of worship

that is based on the profession of the unity of Allah and His consecration, for He is the One, the All-Holy, the Most-Exalted...etc. He is neither the God who feels hungry, eats, or excretes, nor that whom the Devil craves for His prostration before him :(Matthew4:9)

Moreover, His followers do not eat or excrete Him after having the so-called Eucharist. However, the Black Stone is neither a basic creed in Islam nor is it that sacred to be worshipped. That is why Omar ibn El-Khattab said: "I know that you are a stone that can get neither harm nor benefit. Hadn't I seen Allah's Messenger (Peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) kissing you I would not have done so." (Sahih Al-Bukhari: Piligrimage (Hajj))

The Black Stone is like any other tests for worship and obedience to Allah and His prophet (Peace and blessings of Allah be upon him).One stone, like the Black Stone, is kissed. Meanwhile, another is stoned like that stoned by pilgrims as it stands as a symbol for Satan where he tried to dissuade Abraham from slaughtering his son Ishmael.

Fourth Question: Why can a Muslim man marry a Christian woman, while a Christian man can not marry a Muslim woman?

As the Noble Qur'an states:" *Men are the protectors and maintainers of women*" (Meaning of he Noble Qur'an 4:34), man's super indention (guardianship-maintenance of) over women occurs everywhere and in all ages. Therefore, a non Muslim, who might be a blasphemer or deifying a human, can never superintends a Muslim woman who believes in Allah The One, may all praise and sanctity be to Him. Moreover, children should follow the noblest of the parents' religions. Therefore, since Islam is the noblest of all religions as it is flawless of any polytheism, the offspring of a Muslim woman can not be but Muslims. Islam is also the religion of instinct, i.e. if any sensible man is left to reflect on existence, he would inevitably conclude that this universe has a One Creator.

The Fifth Question: Why was Prophet Muhammad (Peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) allowed to marry more than four women?

It is weird that such a question is posed by someone who claims to be Christian and believes in the Bible including both The Old and the New

Testaments. According to your Bible, King Solomon "loved many strange women, together with the daughter of Pharaoh, women of the Moabites, Ammonites, Edomites ,Zidonians, and Hittites. Of the nations Solomon unto these in love. And he had seven hundred wives, princesses, and three hundred concubines: and his wives turned away his heart after other gods for Solomon went Ashtoreth the goddess of the Zidonians, and after Milcom the abomination of the Ammonites... Then did Solomon build a high place for Chemosh, the abomination of Moab, in the hill that is before Jerusalem, and for Molech, the abomination of the children of Ammon." (Kings I: 11:1-7)

Thus, since the prophets in the Bible married hundreds of wives, including pagans, no wonder then that Allah's Messenger (Peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) married nine wives who were all widows except for 'Aisha(May Allah be pleased with all of them). If the Prophet's marriages (Peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) are to be accounted for, it should be considered that getting married to the Prophet (Peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) is a great honor. As for the reasons for his marriages, among them were: reinforcing his relations with some of his companions, marrying some of the widows who had lost their husbands, abolishing some of the habits of Pre-Islamic paganism under the command of Allah (Exalted be He), or honoring war captives who, according to the laws of war, would have become slaves. These are some reasons for the Prophet's marriages (Peace and blessings of Allah be upon him). They were never for an earthly pleasure. One proof of this is that after the revelation of the verse:" *O Prophet (Muhammad SAW)! Say to your wives: If you desire the life of this world, and its glitter, then come! I will make a provision for you and set you free in a handsome manner (divorce)*."(Meaning of the Noble Qur'an 33:28) and despite his hard life, all of them had chosen him and none asked for divorce. How can that be compared to what, according to your Bible, was designated by God:" The beginning of the word of the LORD by Hosea. And the LORD said to Hosea, Go, take unto thee a wife of whoredoms and children of whoredoms."(Hosea1:2) How corrupt this revelation that is carried out by the Holy Ghost!!! It is weird that the earliest revelation to one of the Israelite and Christian prophets is to commit adultery and beget illegitimate children. Is this a divine order reveled by the Holy Ghost, which is one person of the Trinity, to Hosea? Where is then the sanctity of this Spirit?

And, is it still wondered why Muslims do not believe in Trinitarianism?!

It is obvious that the answers used are brief. Though some quotations and sayings are mentioned, not all the texts are discussed thoroughly so that the Christians do not profane. Despite mentioning Allah's revelation:" *And if anyone of the Mushrikun (polytheists, idolaters, pagans, disbelievers in the Oneness of Allah) seeks your protection then grant him protection, so that he may hear the Word of Allah (the Qur'an), and then escort him to where he can be secure, that is because they are men who know not."(*Meaning of the Noble Qur'an9:6)*,* it is recommended to read your Scriptures prior to reading the Noble Qur'an, in order to be able to distinguish truth from fallacy.

The Sixth Question: Had not Christ been crucified to death, how did he move away from this world?

This is a naive question, for what is the relation between the crucifixion, whether it took place or not, and Christ's moving away from this world?! Christ ascended to heaven *alive* and without being crucified, as mentioned in the Holy Qur'an. His moving away from this world or ascending to heaven has nothing to do with the issue of crucifixion being carried out or not. However, there is a text in your sacred book in Kings II (2\11) about Elijah "And it came to pass, as they still went on, and talked, that, behold, there appeared a chariot of fire, and horses of fire, and parted them both asunder; and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven." Thus, Elijah's ascension to heaven took place without being crucified to death. It is also mentioned in Genesis (5\24) " And Enoch walked with God: and he was not; for God took him."

Was Enoch taken away from the life of this world after he had been crucified?! There is no relation between crucifixion, which did not happen, and ascension to heaven.

The Seventh Question: Why did not Christ have a human father?

It was previously mentioned in the beginning of this thesis that you do not truly know and appreciate Allah. He is the Creator of the universe. The Arabic equivalent of the word "universe" is derived from another one meaning "formation". Allah says," *Verily! Our Word unto a thing when We*

intend it, is only that We say unto it: "Be!" and it is. "(Meaning of the Noble Qur'an 16:40), and He also says, "*The creation of you all and the resurrection of you all are only as (the creation and resurrection of) a single person. Verily, Allah is All Hearer, All Seer.* "(Meaning of the Noble Qur'an 31:28). Thus, creating the skies, the earth and what they have in and on them is like creating a grain of sand or a mosquito. If the Holy Qur'an dragged the attention to the multitude and variety of creatures, it takes place in order that people have a deep-rooted firm faith. Examples for this variety are creating Adam (Peace be upon him) without neither a mother nor a father, Eve without a mother, people from mothers and fathers, and Jesus Christ (peace be upon him) from a mother with no father. Yet, here is a text mentioned in Hebrews (7:1, 6:20) about Melchisedec:" For this Melchisedec, king of Salem, priest of the most high God, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings, and blessed him, To whom also Abraham gave a tenth part of all; first being by interpretation King of righteousness, and after that also King of Salem, which is, King of peace; Without father, without mother, without descent, having neither beginning of days, nor end of life; but made like unto the Son of God; abideth a priest continually." If some people were astonished that Jesus Christ was created with no father, what would they say about the so-called Melchisedec?! Is not he worthier of being sanctified and considered the Son of God than Christ?! Nevertheless, in this very same century, which is the age of cloning, it is possible to create a human being without father by implanting a man's or a woman's cell in a womb. If mankind had been able to do this, would Allah, the Creator of mankind and the whole universe, fail to?!

The Eighth Question: Why do not you accept that Jesus Christ is a god , that he died to save mankind, and that he was created before the whole world?!

The answer to the last part of this question is mentioned in the seventh question answer. As for the rest of it, a book has been sent to you to refute and nullify the whole crucifixion and redemption dogma. The most surprising matter about this dogma is that it is known in all heavenly religions that life in this world is that of tribulations and visitations to test one's obedience to Allah and his commands. The loftiest and most exalted way to obey Allah is to sacrifice oneself believing in Him and His oneness

and then to die as a martyr. Before all that, one should give Allah oblations. However, you have reversed all this. Instead of man sacrificing himself as an oblation to God, you assume that God sacrificed Himself to mankind!!

The Ninth Question: Whom was Abraham about to sacrifice, Ishmael or Isaac? Please provide evidence from history.

Firstly, we must pay attention that the question of the slaughtered being Ishmael or Isaac(peace be upon them) is of a great importance in the Islamic creed and that the majority of Muslim scholars agreed that he was Ishmael(pbuh) for the following reasons:

1-It is recorded in Genesis22" And he said, Take now thy son, thine only son Isaac, whom thou lovest, and get thee into the land of Moriah; and offer him there for a burnt offering upon one of the mountains which I will tell thee of. ". It is clear according to this text that your *only* son does not apply but to Ishmael, before the birth of Isaac. Isaac was mentioned as a means to distort the truth.

2-In Genesis17" And God said, Sarah thy wife shall bear thee a son indeed; and thou shalt call his name Isaac: and I will establish my covenant with him for an everlasting covenant, and with his seed after him. ".It is clear that this covenant was before Isaac's birth and that he was to have descendants. Accordingly, to fulfill this covenant, Isaac had to live and have descendants. If there had been a text after this one commanding Abraham to sacrifice him, the former would have understood that this sacrifice can not take place because had it been, Isaac could not have had descendants and it would have been a false covenant(Exalted be Allah). Consequently, such test of Abraham sacrificing his son did not exist and it was all fake. Any way, in accordance with what is mentioned in Genesis, Isaac's submission to God was not tested since, for even after he had been laid down with firewood on him, he did not realize that there was a command to sacrifice him or that he was going to be sacrificed. Ergo, Isaac had no virtue concerning this issue. As for the Holy Qur'an, the whole story came to Abraham in a dream. He was commanded to sacrifice Ishmael. The former completely submitted to Allah's orders and told his son Ishmael about what he had seen in his dream. Ishmael in turn obeyed

Allah's orders saying to his father "*And, when he (his son) was old enough to walk with him, he said: "O my son! I have seen in a dream that I am slaughtering you (offer you in sacrifice to Allah), so look what you think!" He said: "O my father! Do that which you are commanded, Insha' Allah (if Allah wills), you shall find me of As-Sabirin (the patient ones, etc.).*" "(Meaning of the Noble Qur'an37:102).

3-There is a Qur'anic text bringing the glad tidings of Isaac's birth "*And his wife was standing (there), and she laughed (either, because the Messengers did not eat their food or for being glad for the destruction of the people of Lout (Lot). But We gave her glad tidings of Ishaque (Isaac), and after him, of Ya'qub (Jacob*). "(Meaning of the Noble Qur'an 11:71), which means that he was to have descendants and, accordingly, he could not have been the one to be sacrificed.

4-Muslims' pilgrimage rites in Mecca and Mina revive this divine test whether by throwing pebbles at the places where Satan appeared to Abraham trying to dissuade him from sacrificing his son or by slaughtering animals in Mina to revive what Abraham had been afflicted with. This is one of the strongest historical evidences that the one to be slaughtered was Ishmael and this is what Arabs and Muslims inherited from Abraham's children (pbuh) following his tradition.

<u>The Tenth Question: What is the benefit of ablution and the five prayers?</u>

The purpose of ablution is to purify the body and the soul in order to be ready to stand in prayers before Allah. Linguistically, the word prayer means supplication and it is also a means to connect as well as glorify Allah. Among prayers and supplications is saying Allahu Akbar(Allah is the Greatest), Subhana Rabiya Al-'Azheem(Glorified be my Lord The Great), and Subhana Rabiya Al-'Ala(Glorified is my Lord, The Most High). Moreover, prayers include recitation of the Holy Qur'an. In each rak'ah, we recite Al-Fatiha (the Opening Chapter). A comparison is held between Al-Fatiha in the Holy Qur'an and the Christian prayers mentioned in Matthew. The Holy Qur'an also includes all Allah's attributes of glory, beauty, and perfection. When reciting it in <u>prayers</u> or anything else, we remember His sublime names.

The Eleventh Question: Would Christians enter Paradise if they were committed to obeying Allah even if they did not embrace Islam? Why?

To begin with, the form of your question is contradictory. The phrase "*committed to obeying Allah*" necessitates submission to Allah's orders and prohibitions. In other words, if anyone did so, this means that one would surrender his/her heart, mind, and all organs to Allah. This is one of the most important evidences that Allah in" *Truly, the religion with Allah is Islam*"(Meaning of the Noble Qur'an 3:19) illustrates all meanings *(the essence)* of Islam; if one obeys God, one surrenders oneself to Him and vice versa. Consequently, there is no obedience to Allah without Islam and surrendering to Him. This was just a beginning. The first basis of obeying Allah is to worship Him only and never to associate anything with Him. Never say anything is like Him: a son, an angel, a prophet, a sun, or a moon. This is the first basic way to obey Allah about which He says," *Verily, Allah forgives not that partners should be set up with him in worship, but He forgives except that (anything else) to whom He pleases, and whoever sets up partners with Allah in worship, he has indeed invented a tremendous sin.*"(Meaning of the Noble Qur'an 4:48). It is known that those who attribute themselves to Christ say that they believe in Allah's oneness. That is what is mentioned in their prayer (In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, <u>one honest god</u>*)*. Even some of them publicly say La Illaha Illa Allah (the testimony that there is no god but Allah). This is in Abraham's religion, who is the father of all prophets. It is also mentioned in John (17\3)" And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent." This is like the Muslim's saying Ashhadu Anna La Illaha Illa Allah wa Anna Muhammadan Rasulu Allah (I testify that there is no deity but Allah and that Muhammad is the Messenger of Allah). If we add to this Christ's repeatedly-mentioned words that he is the son of man, we can see how contradictory and inconsistent the doctrine of trinity is. This point was clarified in our book "The Innocence of Jesus Christ" sent to you. It is enough to mention "*Verily! Allah forgives not (the sin of) setting up partners in worship with Him, but He forgives whom he pleases sins other than that, and whoever sets up partners in worship with Allah, has indeed strayed far away.* "(Meaning of the Noble Qur'an 4:116). Then you are the ones to judge what you had asked about.

The Twelfth Question: Why are women's hijab, and man's growing beard and purification considered obligatory in Islam?

We do not understand what you mean by such a question. The Holy Qur'an along with the Noble Prophetic tradition have laid the foundations of the Islamic creed including the belief in Allah and His messengers, books, angels, the Last Day, fate regardless of whether we ,in our limited knowledge, consider them good or bad, and so on . It also includes all the rules and laws concerning the acts of worship, moral and financial dealings, habits and customs, and innate obligations.

As for the obligation of wearing veil or hijab, we in turn ask you what is the figure you think is appropriate for women's wear which would not be seducing and accordingly would not cause any moral corruption?! Concerning the issue of growing the beard, it is one of the innate traditions. Some even consider it a duty to grow it. It is a common tradition in all the past religions. Christ has a beard in the pictures alleged to be of him. So do the Orthodox priests. The Catholic ones are influenced by their Roman origins. As for purification, it is not only obligatory on men but also on women. Purification is performed to the body, behavior, and spirit. Are you with the people of Lut who criticized his purification from their malice as they said as mentioned in the Holy Qur'an" *There was no other answer given by his people except that they said: "Drive out the family of Lout (Lot) from your city. Verily, these are men who want to be clean and pure!"* "(Meaning of the Noble Qur'an 27:56)?!

The Thirteenth Question: What are the reasons for the wars Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) engaged in?

According to the recorded historical events, it is known and agreed upon that the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) with his family and companions were subject to persecution, siege, and plunder until they migrated to Medina after thirteen years of calling to Allah and Islam. The Post Hijra battles were either for regaining some of the rights or defending the city itself as what happened in Al-Ahzab battle after the Jews and other pagans had invited the Arab tribes to join them in an attack against the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) and his companions until Mecca was conquered after Quraish's abrogation of the truce. Then, there were wars for safeguarding the small nation established

in his lifetime (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) against those who were lurking to attack it. The wars in the lifetime of the orthodox caliphs were to secure the call to the true religion of Islam without compelling anyone of the people of the book, who are the Jews and the Christians, to embrace it. If you wanted to be fair to yourselves, you should wish to embrace Islam to gain the good of life in this world and that of the hereafter.

What remains concerning the subject of wars is speaking about the rulings of fighting in Islam and other religions. Those in Islam are considered the simplest and fairest ones throughout history. This is common in the wars waged on Muslims in the past and now and which is truly an application of the rulings in the Old Testament of your Holy Book especially in the quotations attributed to the Christ in Matthew (10\34):" Think not that I am come to send peace on earth: I came not to send peace, but a sword." It was also mentioned in Luke (12\49)" I am come to send fire on the earth; and what will I, if it be already kindled?" It is as if he came to bring his sword and in case he could not do something with it, he would bring fire. Perhaps the meaning of the words said to people that Allah means affection is that he loved them to the extent of setting them on fire! The Old Testament is full of recommendations to *burn* the cities and the people whom the Israelis fight. This is what the Jews and those who affiliate themselves to Christ adhere to in their military battles even if they had replaced the sword and fire with cluster bombs, which are massively destructive and fatal.

It is also mentioned in Luke (22-35-38):" And he said unto them, When I sent you without purse, and scrip, and shoes, lacked ye any thing? And they said, Nothing. Then said he unto them, But now, he that hath a purse, let him take it, and likewise his scrip: and he that hath no sword, let him sell his garment, and buy one. For I say unto you, that this that is written must yet be accomplished in me, And he was reckoned among the transgressors: for the things concerning me have an end. And they said, Lord, behold, here are two swords. And he said unto them, It is enough." This text refers to two important facts: first, the last command of Jesus Christ was to buy swords thereby canceling all his previous teachings especially those preaching tolerance and love. Secondly, the phrase:" behold, here are two swords" connotes that we read about a gang that

walks with swords even before Christ asks them to buy any. Two swords were enough for him; otherwise, he would have asked each one of them to buy his own sword. These texts, in addition to those of fire, reveal that it is a creed of violence that terminates those who do not yield to its edict.

These questions have been now answered so that the Christians and the Jews learn some Islamic Facts.

Finally, it is of our honor to receive and answer your questions in response to Allah's command:" *And argue not with the people of the Scripture (Jews and Christians), unless it be in (a way) that is better (with good words and in good manner, inviting them to Islamic Monotheism with His Verses), except with such of them as do wrong, and say (to them): "We believe in that which has been revealed to us and revealed to you; our Ilah (God) and your Ilah (God) is One (i.e. Allah), and to Him we have submitted (as Muslims)."(*Meaning of the Noble Qur'an :29:46), " Say (O Muhammad SAW): "*O people of the Scripture (Jews and Christians): Come to a word that is just between us and you, that we worship none but Allah, and that we associate no partners with Him, and that none of us shall take others as lords besides Allah. Then, if they turn away, say: "Bear witness that we are Muslims*.""(Meaning of the Noble Qur'an 3:64), and "*Verily, the likeness of 'Issa (Jesus) before Allah is the likeness of Adam. He created him from dust, then (He) said to him: "Be!" - and he was*. (This is) the *truth from your Lord, so be not of those who doubt. Then whoever disputes with you concerning him ['Issa (Jesus)] after (all this) knowledge that has come to you, [i.e. 'Issa (Jesus)] being a slave of Allah, and having no share in Divinity) say: (O Muhammad SAW*) "*Come, let us call our sons and your sons, our women and your women, ourselves and yourselves - then we pray and invoke (sincerely) the Curse of Allah upon those who lie." Verily! This is the true narrative [about the story of 'Issa (Jesus)], and, La ilaha ill-Allah (none has the right to be worshipped but Allah, the One and the Only True God, Who has neither a wife nor a son). And indeed, Allah is the All-Mighty, the All-Wise. And if they turn away (and do not accept these true proofs and evidences), then surely, Allah is All-Aware of those who do mischief."(And if they turn away (and do not accept these true proofs and evidences), then surely, Allah is All-Aware of those who do mischief.3:59:63).*